Sale of Synthetic Milk

457. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale sale of synthetic milk in Delhi, U.P. and H.P.;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring milk within the purview of the Essential Commodities Act and if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Government is aware of reports regarding sale of synthetic milk in some States. Accordingly all State Governments were requested to take necessary action to contain this problem on an urgent basis.

As per reports received from the States of Delhi, U.P. & H.P. the position in the matter is given below:

1. Delhi

In Delhi inspite of intensive raids to pick up samples of milk, no samples of milk, no samples have been found to give any resemblance of synthetic milk. In all 403 samples of milk lifted from December's 98 to 15.11.99, only 66 samples have been found to be not confirming to the PFA standards due to deficiency of either fat or SNF content. Action for prosecution has already been initiated.

2. U.P.

6687 samples of milk were lifted from 15.4.99 to 15.8.99. Out of 4181 samples analysed, 1350 samples were found adultereted due to presence of urea, glucose & corbonate (urea-400, glucose-178 & corbonate-772). Action for prosecution in case of adulterated slamples is being taken under the PFA Act, 1954.

3. H.P.

H.P. has not reported any instance of sale of synthetic milk in the State.

(c) "Milk" already exists in the list of essential commodities under category of "foodstuff" as defined in Essential Commodities Act.

WHO Aid for Health Schemes

458. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organization had recently conducted a programme on the medical facilities vis-a-vis the use of essential drugs in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the detail of the discussions held; and